# Executive Summary – Enforcement Matter – Case No. 51165 Smith Oil Company, Inc. RN101659936 Docket No. 2015-1301-PST-E

**Order Type:** 

1660 Agreed Order

**Findings Order Justification:** 

N/A

Media:

**PST** 

**Small Business:** 

No

Location(s) Where Violation(s) Occurred:

Smith Oil, located at 322 North Rice Street, Hamilton, Hamilton County; Facility 1, located at 300 East Grand Avenue, Marshall, Harrison County; and Facility 2, located at 1109 East End Boulevard, Marshall, Harrison County

**Type of Operation:** 

Common carrier

**Other Significant Matters:** 

Additional Pending Enforcement Actions: No

Past-Due Penalties: No

Other: N/A

Interested Third-Parties: None

Texas Register Publication Date: February 26, 2016

Comments Received: No

**Penalty Information** 

**Total Penalty Assessed:** \$22,720

**Amount Deferred for Expedited Settlement:** \$4,544 **Amount Deferred for Financial Inability to Pay:** \$0

**Total Paid to General Revenue:** \$536 **Total Due to General Revenue:** \$17,640

Payment Plan: 35 payments of \$504 each

Supplemental Environmental Project ("SEP") Conditional Offset: \$0

Name of SEP: N/A

**Compliance History Classifications:** 

Person/CN - N/A Site/RN - N/A

Major Source: No

Statutory Limit Adjustment: N/A Applicable Penalty Policy: April 2014

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# **Investigation Information**

Complaint Date(s): N/A

**Complaint Information**: N/A

Date(s) of Investigation: June 17, 2015

Date(s) of NOE(s): August 8, 2015

## Violation Information

Deposited a regulated substance into a regulated underground storage tank ("UST") system that was not covered by a valid, current TCEQ delivery certificate. Specifically, the Respondent made 12 fuel deposits at Facility 1 during the months of April, May, June and July 2015 and 40 fuel deposits at Facility 2 during the months of June 2014 through July 2015. At the time of the fuel deposits, the Facilities did not possess a valid, current TCEQ delivery certificate [30 Tex. Admin. Code § 334.5(b)(1)(A) and Tex. Water Code § 26.3467(d)].

### Corrective Actions/Technical Requirements

## **Corrective Action(s) Completed:**

N/A

# **Technical Requirements:**

The Order will require the Respondent to:

- a. Within 30 days, develop and implement a procedure for fuel delivery personnel to verify that a facility possesses a valid, current TCEQ delivery certificate prior to depositing a regulated substance into a UST system; and
- b. Within 45 days, submit written certification to demonstrate compliance with a.

# Litigation Information

Date Petition(s) Filed: N/A Date Answer(s) Filed: N/A SOAH Referral Date: N/A Hearing Date(s): N/A Settlement Date: N/A

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# **Contact Information**

TCEQ Attorney: N/A

TCEQ Enforcement Coordinator: Abigail Lindsey, Enforcement Division,

Enforcement Team 6, MC 169, (512) 236-2576; Melissa Cordell; Enforcement Division,

MC 219, (512) 239-2483

TCEQ SEP Coordinator: N/A

Respondent: Mike Millen, President, Smith Oil Company, Inc., P.O. Box 7905,

Shreveport, Louisiana 71137

**Respondent's Attorney:** N/A

	Penalty Calculation	on Worksheet (PC	•	-
Policy Revision 4 (A)	oril 2014)		PCW Revision	March 26, 2014
DATES Assigned	17-Aug-2015			
	27-Aug-2015 <b>Screening</b> 21-Aug-2015	EPA Due		
RESPONDENT/FACILI				
Reg. Ent. Ref. No.	Smith Oil Company, Inc.			
Facility/Site Region		Major/Minor Source	Minor	
CASE INFORMATION			***************************************	
Enf./Case ID No.	51165	No. of Violations	1	
•	2015-1301-PST-E	Order Type		
	Petroleum Storage Tank	Government/Non-Profit		
Multi-Media		Enf. Coordinator		
	-		Enforcement Team 6	
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**PAYABLE PENALTY** 

\$18,176

Docket No. 2015-1301-PST-E

PCW

Policy Revision 4 (April 2014) PCW Revision March 26, 2014

Respondent Smith Oil Company, Inc.

Case ID No. 51165

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN101659936

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Media [Statute] Petroleum Storage Tank

Enf. Coordinator Abigail Lindsey

# Compliance History Worksheet

Written notices of violation ("NOVs") with same or similar violations as those in the current enforcement action (number of NOVs meeting criteria)  Other written NOVs  Any agreed final enforcement orders containing a denial of liability (number of orders meeting criteria)  Any adjudicated final enforcement orders, agreed final enforcement orders without a denial of liability, or default orders of this state or the federal government, or any final prohibitory emergency orders issued by the commission  Any non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees containing a denial of liability of this state or the federal government (number of judgments or consent decrees meeting criteria)  Any adjudicated final court judgments and default judgments, or non-adjudicated	Enter Number Here  0  0  0  0  0	0% 0% 0%
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Any criminal convictions of this state or the federal government (number of counts)	0	0%
Chronic excessive emissions events (number of events)	0	0%
Letters notifying the executive director of an intended audit conducted under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 (number of audits for which notices were submitted)	0	0%
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Voluntary on-site compliance assessments conducted by the executive director under a special assistance program	No	0%
Participation in a voluntary pollution reduction program	No	0%
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### **Economic Benefit Worksheet**

Respondent Smith Oil Company, Inc. **Case ID No.** 51165 Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN101659936 Media Petroleum Storage Tank Years of **Percent Interest** Depreciation Violation No. 1 5.0 15 Yrs Interest Saved Onetime Costs Item Cost Date Required Final Date **EB Amount** Item Description No commas or \$ **Delayed Costs** Equipment 0.00 \$0 \$0 \$0 0.00 **Buildings** \$0 \$0 \$0 Other (as needed) 0.00 \$0 \$0 \$0 Engineering/Construction 0.00 \$0 \$0 \$0 Land 0.00 \$0 n/a \$0 Record Keeping System 0.00 \$0 n/a \$0 Training/Sampling 0.00 \$0 \$0 n/a Remediation/Disposal 0.00 \$0 \$0 n/a **Permit Costs** \$0 \$0 n/a 17-Jun-2015 1-Apr-2016 \$20 Other (as needed) 0.79 n/a Estimated delayed cost to develop and implement a procedure for fuel delivery personnel to verify that a facility possesses a valid, current TCEQ delivery certificate prior to depositing a regulated substance into Notes for DELAYED costs the UST system. The date required is the investigation date and the final date is the estimated date of compliance. **Avoided Costs** ANNUALIZE [1] avoided costs before entering item (except for one-time avoided costs) 0.00 Disposal \$0 \$0 Personnel 0.00 \$0 \$0 \$0 Inspection/Reporting/Sampling 0.00 \$0 \$0 \$0 Supplies/Equipment 0.00 \$0 \$0 \$0 Financial Assurance [2] 0.00 \$0 \$0 \$0 ONE-TIME avoided costs [3] 0.00 \$0 17-Jun-2015 1.95 Other (as needed) Estimated avoided cost (\$100 per Facility) to verify that the Facilities had a valid, current fuel delivery certificate. The date required is the date of the first fuel delivery, and the final date is the investigation Notes for AVOIDED costs date. Approx. Cost of Compliance \$700 TOTAL \$239 To request a more accessible version of this report, please contact the TCEQ Help Desk at (512) 239-4357.



# **CEQ** Compliance History Report

PUBLISHED Compliance History Report for CN600895122, RN101659936, Rating Year 2014 which includes Compliance History (CH) components from September 1, 2009, through August 31, 2014.

Customer, Respondent, CN600895122, Smith Oil Company, Inc. Classification: NOT APPLICABLE

Rating: N/A

or Owner/Operator: Regulated Entity:

RN101659936, SMITH OIL

Classification: NOT APPLICABLE

Rating: N/A

**Complexity Points:** 

Repeat Violator: N/A

N/A

CH Group: Location:

14 - Other

322 N RICE ST HAMILTON, TX 76531-1853, HAMILTON COUNTY

REGION 09 - WACO

TCEQ Region: ID Number(s):

Compliance History Period: September 01, 2009 to August 31, 2014

Rating Year: 2014

Rating Date: 09/01/2014

**Date Compliance History Report Prepared:** August 21, 2015

Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History: Enforcement

Component Period Selected: August 21, 2010 to August 21, 2015

TCEQ Staff Member to Contact for Additional Information Regarding This Compliance History.

Name: Abigail Lindsey

Phone: (512) 239-2576

#### Site and Owner/Operator History:

1) Has the site been in existence and/or operation for the full five year compliance period?

NO

2) Has there been a (known) change in ownership/operator of the site during the compliance period?

NO

3) If **YES** for #2, who is the current owner/operator?

N/A

4) If **YES** for #2, who was/were the prior

N/A

owner(s)/operator(s)?

5) If **YES**, when did the change(s) in owner or operator N/A

### Components (Multimedia) for the Site Are Listed in Sections A - J

A. Final Orders, court judgments, and consent decrees:

N/A

B. Criminal convictions:

N/A

C. Chronic excessive emissions events:

N/A

D. The approval dates of investigations (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.):

E. Written notices of violations (NOV) (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.):

A notice of violation represents a written allegation of a violation of a specific regulatory requirement from the commission to a regulated entity. A notice of violation is not a final enforcement action, nor proof that a violation has actually occurred.

#### F. Environmental audits:

N/A

G. Type of environmental management systems (EMSs):

N/A

H. Voluntary on-site compliance assessment dates:

N/A

I. Participation in a voluntary pollution reduction program:

N/A

J. Early compliance:

N/A

**Sites Outside of Texas:** 

N/A

# TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



IN THE MATTER OF AN	§	BEFORE THE
ENFORCEMENT ACTION	§	
CONCERNING	§	TEXAS COMMISSION ON
SMITH OIL COMPANY, INC.	§	
RN101659936	§	ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

### AGREED ORDER DOCKET NO. 2015-1301-PST-E

#### I. JURISDICTION AND STIPULATIONS

On \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("the Commission" or "TCEQ") considered this agreement of the parties, resolving an enforcement action regarding Smith Oil Company, Inc. ("Respondent") under the authority of Tex. Water Code chs. 7 and 26. The Executive Director of the TCEQ, through the Enforcement Division, and the Respondent together stipulate that:

- 1. The Respondent, a common carrier located at 322 North Rice Street in Hamilton, Hamilton County, Texas, delivered fuel to the following facilities (collectively referred to as the "Facilities").
  - a. A convenience store with retail sales of gasoline, located at 300 East Grand Avenue, in Marshall, Harrison County, Texas ("Facility 1"); and
  - b. A convenience store with retail sales of gasoline, located at 1109 East End Boulevard in Marshall, Harrison County, Texas ("Facility 2").
- 2. The six underground storage tanks ("USTs") at the Facilities are not exempt or excluded from regulation under the Texas Water Code or the rules of the Commission.
- 3. The Executive Director and the Respondent agree that the Commission has jurisdiction to enter this Agreed Order, and that the Respondent is subject to the Commission's jurisdiction.
- 4. The Respondent received notices of the violations alleged in Section II ("Allegations") on or about August 13, 2015.

- 5. The occurrence of any violation is in dispute and the entry of this Agreed Order shall not constitute an admission by the Respondent of any violation alleged in Section II ("Allegations"), nor of any statute or rule.
- 6. An administrative penalty in the amount of Twenty-Two Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$22,720) is assessed by the Commission in settlement of the violations alleged in Section II ("Allegations"). The Respondent has paid Five Hundred Thirty-Six Dollars (\$536) of the administrative penalty and Four Thousand Five Hundred Forty-Four Dollars (\$4,544) is deferred contingent upon the Respondent's timely and satisfactory compliance with all the terms of this Agreed Order. The deferred amount will be waived upon full compliance with the terms of this Agreed Order. If the Respondent fails to timely and satisfactorily comply with all requirements of this Agreed Order, including the payment schedule, the Executive Director may require the Respondent to pay all or part of the deferred penalty.

The remaining amount of Seventeen Thousand Six Hundred Forty Dollars (\$17,640) of the administrative penalty shall be payable in 35 monthly payments of Five Hundred Four Dollars (\$504) each. The next monthly payment shall be paid within 30 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order. The subsequent payments shall each be paid not later than 30 days following the due date of the previous payment until paid in full. If the Respondent fails to timely and satisfactorily comply with the payment requirements of this Agreed Order, the Executive Director may, at the Executive Director's option, accelerate the maturity of the remaining installments, in which event the unpaid balance shall become immediately due and payable without demand or notice. In addition, the failure of the Respondent to meet the payment schedule of this Agreed Order constitutes the failure by the Respondent to timely and satisfactorily comply with all the terms of this Agreed Order.

- 7. Any notice and procedures, which might otherwise be authorized or required in this action, are waived in the interest of a more timely resolution of the matter.
- 8. The Executive Director and the Respondent agree on a settlement of the matters alleged in this enforcement action, subject to final approval in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 70.10(a).
- 9. The Executive Director may, without further notice or hearing, refer this matter to the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Texas ("OAG") for further enforcement proceedings if the Executive Director determines that the Respondent has not complied with one or more of the terms or conditions in this Agreed Order.
- 10. This Agreed Order shall terminate five years from its effective date or upon compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreed Order, whichever is later.
- 11. The provisions of this Agreed Order are deemed severable and, if a court of competent jurisdiction or other appropriate authority deems any provision of this Agreed Order unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall be valid and enforceable.

#### II. ALLEGATIONS

As a common carrier, the Respondent deposited a regulated substance into a regulated UST system that was not covered by a valid, current TCEQ delivery certificate, in violation of 30 Tex. ADMIN. Code § 334.5(b)(1)(A) and Tex. Water Code § 26.3467(d), as documented during investigations conducted on June 17, 2015. Specifically, the Respondent made 12 fuel deposits at Facility 1 during the months of April, May, June and July 2015 and 40 fuel deposits at Facility 2 during the months of June 2014 through July 2015. At the time of the fuel deposits, the Facilities did not possess a valid, current TCEQ delivery certificate.

#### III. DENIALS

The Respondent generally denies each allegation in Section II ("Allegations").

#### IV. ORDERING PROVISIONS

1. It is, therefore, ordered by the TCEQ that the Respondent pay an administrative penalty as set forth in Section I, Paragraph 6 above. The payment of this administrative penalty and the Respondent's compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreed Order resolve only the allegations in Section II. The Commission shall not be constrained in any manner from requiring corrective action or penalties for violations which are not raised here. Administrative penalty payments shall be made payable to "TCEQ" and shall be sent with the notation "Re: Smith Oil Company, Inc., Docket No. 2015-1301-PST-E" to:

Financial Administration Division, Revenue Operations Section Attention: Cashier's Office, MC 214 Texas Commission on Environmental Quality P.O. Box 13088 Austin, Texas 78711-3088

- 2. It is further ordered that the Respondent shall undertake the following technical requirements:
  - a. Within 30 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, develop and implement a procedure for fuel delivery personnel to verify that a facility possesses a valid, current TCEQ delivery certificate prior to depositing a regulated substance into a UST system, in accordance with 30 Tex. ADMIN. CODE § 334.5; and
  - b. Within 45 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, submit written certification as described below, and include detailed supporting documentation including photographs, receipts, and/or other records to demonstrate compliance with Ordering Provision No. 2.a. The certification shall be notarized by a State of Texas Notary Public and include the following certification language:

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"I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted and all attached documents, and that based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the submitted information is true, accurate and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fines and imprisonment for knowing violations."

The certification shall be submitted to:

Order Compliance Team Enforcement Division, MC 149A Texas Commission on Environmental Quality P.O. Box 13087 Austin, Texas 78711-3087

with a copy to:

Waste Section Manager Waco Regional Office Texas Commission on Environmental Quality 6801 Sanger Avenue, Suite 2500 Waco, Texas 76710-7826

- 3. The provisions of this Agreed Order shall apply to and be binding upon the Respondent. The Respondent is ordered to give notice of the Agreed Order to personnel who maintain day-to-day control over the fuel delivery operations referenced in this Agreed Order.
- 4. If the Respondent fails to comply with any of the Ordering Provisions in this Agreed Order within the prescribed schedules, and that failure is caused solely by an act of God, war, strike, riot, or other catastrophe, the Respondent's failure to comply is not a violation of this Agreed Order. The Respondent shall have the burden of establishing to the Executive Director's satisfaction that such an event has occurred. The Respondent shall notify the Executive Director within seven days after the Respondent becomes aware of a delaying event and shall take all reasonable measures to mitigate and minimize any delay.
- 5. The Executive Director may grant an extension of any deadline in this Agreed Order or in any plan, report, or other document submitted pursuant to this Agreed Order, upon a written and substantiated showing of good cause. All requests for extensions by the Respondent shall be made in writing to the Executive Director. Extensions are not effective until the Respondent receives written approval from the Executive Director. The determination of what constitutes good cause rests solely with the Executive Director.
- 6. This Agreed Order, issued by the Commission, shall not be admissible against the Respondent in a civil proceeding, unless the proceeding is brought by the OAG to: (1) enforce the terms of this Agreed Order; or (2) pursue violations of a statute within the

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Commission's jurisdiction, or of a rule adopted or an order or permit issued by the Commission under such a statute.

- 7. This Agreed Order may be executed in separate and multiple counterparts, which together shall constitute a single instrument. Any page of this Agreed Order may be copied, scanned, digitized, converted to electronic portable document format ("pdf"), or otherwise reproduced and may be transmitted by digital or electronic transmission, including but not limited to facsimile transmission and electronic mail. Any signature affixed to this Agreed Order shall constitute an original signature for all purposes and may be used, filed, substituted, or issued for any purpose for which an original signature could be used. The term "signature" shall include manual signatures and true and accurate reproductions of manual signatures created, executed, endorsed, adopted, or authorized by the person or persons to whom the signatures are attributable. Signatures may be copied or reproduced digitally, electronically, by photocopying, engraving, imprinting, lithographing, electronic mail, facsimile transmission, stamping, or any other means or process which the Executive Director deems acceptable. In this paragraph exclusively, the terms "electronic transmission", "owner", "person", "writing", and "written" shall have the meanings assigned to them under TEX. BUS. ORG. CODE § 1.002.
- 8. The effective date of this Order is the date it is signed by the Commission. A copy of this fully executed Order shall be provided to each of the parties.

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# SIGNATURE PAGE

# TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

For the Commission	Date
For the Executive Director	418116 Date
I, the undersigned, have read and understand the agree to the attached Agreed Order on behalf of do agree to the terms and conditions specified the accepting payment for the penalty amount, is m	the entity indicated below my signature, and I herein. I further acknowledge that the TCEQ, in
<ul> <li>additional penalties, and/or attorney fee.</li> <li>Increased penalties in any future enforce</li> </ul>	, may result in:  ons submitted;  eral's Office for contempt, injunctive relief, s, or to a collection agency;
• TCEQ seeking other relief as authorized In addition, any falsification of any compliance	by law. documents may result in criminal prosecution.
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Instructions: Send the original, signed Agreed Order with penalty payment to the Financial Administration Division, Revenue Operations Section at the address in Section IV, Paragraph 1 of this Agreed Order.